

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification generally in accordance with the examiner's request, and the cross reference has been amended to more accurately reflect the prior applications from which the current application derives.

A new sheet of drawings, incorporating a corrected figure 23, adding the reference character 341 to the drawing, is enclosed herein as a replacement sheet.

The claim 1 of this application has been canceled, and rewritten as claim 13. Essentially, it is the complete style of lens assembly as generally shown in Fig. 21-23, in an exploded view in Fig. 24, and then in its assembled state in Fig. 25. When it achieves the assembled stage, then the lens can be machined to furnish the desire contours, and a series of threads along its peripheral edges, such as noted in Fig. 19.

It is believed that this type of a blank for a lens assembly is still quite different, structural wise, from what is shown and described in the single prior art patent to Avery, as cited by the examiner.

Avery shows a plastic contact lens, but its method of configuring its lens, by inserting a sandblasted metal annular ring, within its structure, and in applying a plug 70, into the cylindrical surface 56, of the shown block 50. The purpose of the magnetic ring of Avery is to furnish a metal ring that can be used for removing it from the eye by the employment of a hand held magnet. This is not the subject matter of applicant's invention. In other words, Avery uses its magnet to help apparently for removal of the contact lens from the eye, when that becomes necessary by the user.

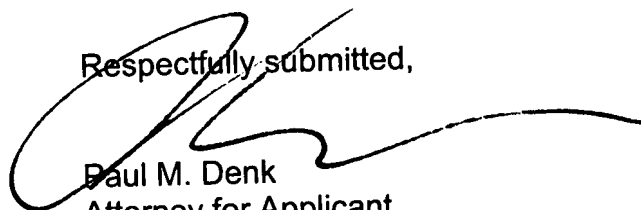
This is quite contrary to what is the structure, the device, and the assembled lens of applicant. and The applicant includes a much larger ring of magnetic material for seating upon the concentric stem, integrally extending up from the base of his lens assembly, because applicant's magnetic ring is for use, in situ, within the formed lens, to allow it to be turned by external instrumentation,

upon its threads when implanted within the eye, so adjustment to the lens can be made in situ, through the usage of applicant's form of lens assembly. This is quite a different structure from what is shown in Avery, it functions entirely differently, when assembled, and produces entirely different results from Avery in the first instance. Hence, while the examiner states that the use of Fred's is minimal, in the current invention, and that Avery is capable of having threads formed thereon, whether or not such was the intent of Avery, is really minimizing the essence of applicant's invention, what is really the heart of his development, and that is to provide what is described as the principal object of the current invention, on page 5. That is to provide an adjustable ocular implant, even one that can be adjusted in situ. Avery just does not give any thought or consideration to what type of structure can achieve such, nor how Avery could even function to attain the type of results as desired and required from applicant's invention.

Hence, since Avery does not suggest the use of threads in any manor, it is just not see how anticipation can be provided, when reviewing Avery in light of the remaining claims of this application.

The examiner's further review of the claim of this application would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul M. Denk
Attorney for Applicant
Pat. Off. Reg. No. 22,598
763 South New Ballas Road, Ste. 170
St. Louis, Missouri 63141
(314) 872-8136

PMD/jk